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The Honorable Tom Wheeler Chairman Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, SW Washington, DC 20554

Re: GN Docket No. 13-5, Technology Transitions; GN Docket No. 12-353, AT&T Petition to Launch a Proceeding Concerning the TDM-to-IP Transition; WC Docket No. 05-25, Special Access for Price Cap Local Exchange Carriers.

Dear Chairman Wheeler:

I serve as Practice Manager for Westcoast Brace & Limb (WCBL), Tampa Bay's leader in the development of custom-made and high-tech orthotic and prosthetic devices.

For more than 40 years, our mission has been restoring bodies and rebuilding lives, made possible by our full range of the newest technologies, our staff of certified and state licensed practitioners, and our overall commitment to unparalleled patient care and quality service.

Take five year-old golden retriever Journey, for example. Born with most of his left front paw missing, Journey came into WBCL to be fitted with a custom designed, high-tech prosthetic paw, much like a prosthetic foot designed for humans. Three years later, Journey enjoys a normal, energetic life and comes into the office for regular prosthetic adjustments (and the occasional dog biscuit!).

Another example is Jayden Mojica, born premature at 28 weeks. Due to his condition of Cerebral Palsy Spastic Diplegia, Jayden uses an assistive device for walking, as well as a pair of leg braces, and a pelvic belt with twister cables attached to his orthotic shoes. But don't think for one second that slows him down! Jayden recently completed a one-mile, WBCL-sponsored race — and has the medal he received at the end hanging proudly in his room.

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It's stories such as these that drive WBCL to continue providing the type of personalized care that supports our patients' goals for recovery and beyond.

With five office locations across the West Central Florida region, our team relies on our IT and broadband services to provide emergency, on-call service to patients 24/7; to operate our mobile units to patients at home, in the hospital, or in assisted living facilities; and more. As an accredited Resident Teaching Facility, we also value our phone and Internet system for its role in fostering our commitment to professional education and improving patient outcomes.

As the Commission continues to engage in discussions about the future of broadband networks, our hope is that growth in competitive, high-speed wired broadband will continue. We believe affordable, high-speed connections are, in fact, crucial for delivering quality healthcare to patients across the nation.

Sincerely,

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